

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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BUFFER STOCK OF SUGAR

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to create a buffer stock of sugar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for delay in taking such a decision in the interest of farmers; and
- (d) the time by when a final decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Government has decided to create a buffer stock of 20 lakh tonnes of sugar for a period of one year. This will involve an outgo of Rs. 412 crore from the Sugar Development Fund. An additional amount of Rs. 374 crore would be released by banks on account of the buffer stock.